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MEMORANDUM
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TO: Office of Community Development (OCD) Grantees
FROM: Bill Parker, Acting Director, Housing Resource Fund *BP*
RE: Office of Community Development Staff and Assignment Changes

It is with mixed emotion that I announce the departure from OCD of two excellent Community Development (CD) Specialists. Heather Fraizer has left MSHDA after her recent marriage, and has moved to the Traverse City area. Heather worked in OCD for three years and did an outstanding job assisting her OCD Grantees. Jodie Willobee has left OCD, but is staying at MSHDA with the new Specialized Technical Assistance and Revitalization Assistance (STARS) division. Jodie has worked in OCD for nine years providing quality customer service to her grantees. We wish Heather and Jodie the best of luck in their new endeavors.

I am also happy to announce the addition of two new CD Specialists to our staff, Diane Karkau and Tom Durkee. Diane and Tom both came to OCD from the MSHDA CATeam. You may have already heard that the CATeam duties have been transferred over to the Michigan Economic Development Commission (MEDC). However, most of the staff remained at MSHDA and will work in different divisions. Diane and Tom have worked the past three years for the MSHDA CATeam, and bring a great deal of valuable experience working with communities to OCD. Please join me in welcoming them to OCD.

In addition to the changes in staff, we have made some slight changes of the territory assignments. However, of the 83 county territories, only grantees in the following 18 counties have a new CD Specialist assignment. All other Grantees will be retaining their current CD Specialist. Attached is a state map outlining the territories of each CD Specialist.

County	CD Specialist	County	CD Specialist	County	CD Specialist
Branch	Diane Karkau	Ingham	Diane Karkau	Lenawee	Diane Karkau
Calhoun	Diane Karkau	Ionia	Tom Durkee	Macomb	Renee Conklin
Clinton	Tom Durkee	Isabella	Tom Durkee	Montcalm	Tom Durkee
Eaton	Diane Karkau	Jackson	Diane Karkau	Ottawa	Tom Durkee
Gratiot	Tom Durkee	Kent	Tom Durkee	St. Clair	Kelly Gram
Hillsdale	Diane Karkau	Lapeer	Kelly Gram	Washtenaw	Renee Conklin

Please contact your CD Specialist if you have any questions regarding these changes. You can also feel free to contact me at 517-373-1462 or parkerw@michigan.gov.



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